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# NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Select Board Update

*Submitted by Donna Danis, Charlene Andersen, Tiler Eaton, Tony Dumas, Charlie Brown*

Where did summer go? We hope it was fun for you and your family and that you are now ready to enjoy all that fall has to offer. Here are a few updates from the Board:

### Thank You Don Cinfo and John Fernald

The Select Board would like to thank *Don Cinfo* and *John Fernald* for their years of dedication to the Town and community. Don retired in July and John will retire in October. Don patiently provided guidance to all who used the recycle center and worked hard to keep everything in top operation. John never hesitated to go above and beyond in providing the best service to the miles and miles of Nottingham roads we travel. Combined Don and John spent over 50 years serving the people of Nottingham. We wish them both a healthy, fun, and relaxing retirement.

### Swap Shop Closed

The Nottingham Select Board recently voted to close the Swap Shop at the Recycling Center. While this has been a well-used resource in Town, it was necessary to close it down for the foreseeable future due to several factors:

1. The Recycling Center is short-handed and has been for some time. With the recent departure of Don Cinfo, this problem has grown, and the remaining staff do not have the requisite time to monitor and manage the Swap Shop.
2. On multiple occasions, the Town put out a call for volunteers to step forward and assist with managing the Swap Shop. There has been no response.

Safety concerns grew as the reduced staff were unable to continuously monitor the Swap Shop. Excess amounts of clutter grew around the Shop, and inappropriate materials and broken/unusable objects

were left behind. We believe this situation became dangerous to both the staff and community.

While it is regrettable that the Swap Shop had to be closed, it is the Board's hope that volunteers will ultimately come forward and work collaboratively with the Recycling Center staff to find a sustainable way of keeping the Swap Shop open in a safe and effective manner for all.

### 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Forms

A committee is now forming to draft plans for the Town's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which we will celebrate in 2022. The first formal meeting of this committee will take place September 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. If you are interested in being a part of the planning, please email [candersen@nottingham-nh.gov](mailto:candersen@nottingham-nh.gov).

Finally, don't forget, the Town website contains a wealth of information on the recreation programs, Town Departments and Town Boards and Committees. Of particular importance, you can look up the current hours for any department. You can find the site at <http://www.nottingham-nh.gov/>. Bookmark it as a source of helpful information updates.

### Household Hazardous Waste Day

*Submitted by Dawn Calley-Murdough*

Nottingham will participate in the multi-town Household Hazardous Waste Disposal day on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Town of Raymond - Exit 4 off Route 101 at the end of Industrial Drive/off Old Manchester Road, across from the Raymond Safety Complex.

There is a quantity limit of five gallons or five pounds of waste permitted. Items allowed: oil-based paint, pesticides, fertilizer, cleaning products, antifreeze, pool chemicals, etc. Items not allowed: motor oil, latex paint.

The HHW day is sponsored by the Towns of Raymond, Nottingham and Auburn.

## Message from the Nottingham School Board

*Submitted by Jackie Snow, Rosalyn Chavda, PhD, Susan Levenson, Christine Dabrieo and Kathy Brosnan*

Welcome to a new school year! It is certainly an exciting time for our Nottingham students and their families. As we start the year, the School Board would like to highlight several initiatives that took place over the summer and also identify efforts that are planned for the upcoming year.

Over the summer several security related improvements were made to the school including the replacement of the fire alarm system, which was original to the building, the creation of a vestibule in the front foyer, and the installation of a new intercom system that reaches all areas where student services are provided. The playground also saw improvements with the creation of a new grass field as well as the installation of new playground equipment. Capital reserve funds were used to fund the playground improvements as well as funding from the PTA and student initiated fundraising. Many thanks to all of the community members who participated with special thanks to Hillside Landscaping!

In June, four dedicated staff members retired and they were honored at the June 21 School Board meeting. We wish them the very best! Words cannot express our gratitude to these departing staff members: Mr. Carter, Math Specialist; Mrs. Cody, Kindergarten; Mrs. Fleming, First Grade; and Mrs. Smith, School Nurse. We also welcomed a new Assistant Principal in July as Mr. Jeff Hoellrich joined Nottingham School.

Nottingham families learned how to combat “Summer Slide” as school administration and the Board focused on providing fun and engaging ways for parents to work with their children so they would not lose valuable knowledge during the time off from school. Weekly emails were sent from Mr. Jude Chauvette, our Curriculum Director.

The Board contracted with the New Hampshire School

Administrators Association to conduct a study of the school building to evaluate the current use of space as it relates to programs and overall use. The study will also provide updated demographic and projection information. It is being paid for by impact fees. Impact fees are fees assessed by the town on new development that are used to help offset construction or expansion of capital facilities caused by such growth. The results of the study, which will be available in early September, will help determine next steps regarding programming and space needs.


The Board will be holding community forums on key topics during the school year including full-day kindergarten. Last year the Board decided not to move forward with a warrant article for full-day kindergarten. Our intention is to spend this year working with the community and discussing full-day kindergarten to better understand the costs, programming and facilities for this program in order to put a warrant article before the voters in March.

We will continue to work with the SAU and administration to offer workshops and other useful programs for students and families. The Board is also finalizing its goals and related action items and will be tracking progress to these goals throughout the year. Finally, as we enter this new school year, we would like to thank the community for your support last March and approving the budget, the teacher and paraprofessional contracts and other warrant articles that went into effect July 1. Thank you!

## Nottingham Food Pantry

*Submitted by Chelli Tennis*

We are located in the Town Municipal Building. Our pantry services only Nottingham Residents. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 209, Nottingham. We distribute on the third Thursday of each month. New clients by appointment, please. Call 679-5209 (All calls are confidential).



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## New Farmers' Market Opened August 4

*Submitted by Brieghan Gardner*

The Antique Alley Farmers' market opened on August 4. The market is located on the Pirate Mechanical property at 442 1<sup>st</sup> NH Turnpike (Route 4) in Northwood and runs from 4 to 6:30 p.m. every Friday through the end of September. This is an expansive community endeavor bringing together volunteer board members, vendors, sponsors and customers from several area towns in support of local food. Our goal is to provide for this region of New Hampshire a thriving local food scene along the lines of what the Seacoast Eat Local organization offers to that region. There will be a wide variety of local fruits and vegetables, meats, maple products, flowers, and crafts are available at the market. For more information and to stay updated, please visit and “like” our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/antiquealleyregionalfarmersmarket/](http://www.facebook.com/antiquealleyregionalfarmersmarket/).

## Nottingham Newsletter Volunteers

*Submitted by Jen Bachhuber and Laurie Legard*

As the Nottingham Community Newsletter approaches 18 years of production, the Committee is grateful to all that have helped with the production of the newsletter over the years.

The Nottingham Newsletter is accomplished by volunteers who are Nottingham residents. The publication cannot continue without more volunteers. Various jobs include email reminders, reviewing and compiling articles received electronically, editing news articles, preparing mailing documents, counting printed newsletters and organizing them for mailing, hauling boxes of newsletters to the Post Office and a few spots around town.

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## Summer Reading Program

*Submitted by Brooke Bachhuber*

This summer I was inspired to read because of the summer library reading program. My favorite part of the program is the S.T.E.M. program. S.T.E.M. is a science program. Every week we do something different.

When we arrive the first thing we do is read science books. Most of the time we read two or three science books. Then after Ms. Bounds tells us the activity we are doing, it is time to be scientists. We build an idea and then test it. If it does not work we try again. It is a six-week session.

The first week we made water slides out of cardboard rolls and tin foil. The second week we made slime out of corn starch, glitter glue, nylon, and water. The third week we made pom pom launchers. Some kids started shooting pom poms at each other. It was hilarious! On the fourth week we did an egg drop. We used supplies that were given to us to build a contraption so when we drop it with the egg inside, the egg does not explode. I had a lot of fun! Next year I hope more kids join!



## Nottingham Community Newsletter

Carrie Bounds • Irma Hale • Margaret Joyce  
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Kathy Cinfo • Jen Bachhuber

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## Community Build Playground Project

Submitted by Chris Sousa

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of the volunteers that participated in the community build of the new Nottingham School playground. It was a great experience to have over 30 volunteers helping to make the playground special for the students. Parents, teachers, administration, community members and the vice chairperson of the Nottingham School Board all put on their work gloves and made it happen. It will be wonderful to see the expressions on the faces of the students as they enjoy their new playground.

**Our volunteers:** Megan Sebasco, John Biron, Roz Chavda, Kamel Chavda, Damon Bickford, Krystin Hocesvar, Mike Hocesvar, Laura Polzin, Matt Polzin, Sara Buchanan, Robert Weygant, Tim Dabrieo, Melanie Shank, Kelly LaPointe, Terry Elwell, Derek Elwell, Vernie Federer, Jim Federer, Jeffrey Greene, Michele Phillips, Steve Phillips, Jen Bachhuber, Andy Martin, Cherie Frid, Eric Jennings, Tina Jennings, Jeff Hoellrich, Rick Hale, Jim Belkalap, Jude Chauvette, Jamie Burleigh, Chris Sousa, Shawn Green, David Usselman, Teresa Enos

**The Petinelli Crew:** Noel, The Machine, Drew, Mike, Bob, Justin, Sliver

**A special thank you to:** Nottingham PTA, Scott Brown Gary and Deb Cowan, Hillside Landscaping, John Fernald



Pictured (left to right) are Chris Sousa, Principal; Rosalyn Chavda, PhD., Vice Chair, Nottingham School Board; Jeff Hoellrich, Assistant Principal; and Jude Chauvette, Curriculum Director.

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## Planning Board News and Activities

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

Paul Colby, Building Inspector, has been an invaluable resource for Nottingham's land use boards and Planning Board as well as for members of the community. We wish Mr. Colby well and thank him wholeheartedly for his guidance and kind assistance.

There were three minor subdivision applications in June and July: a three-lot subdivision on Kennard Road, a back lot subdivision on Stage Road and a two-lot subdivision on Priest Road. A "conceptual" was entertained for a mix of commercial and agricultural activities in the industrial/residential zone within the Route 4) corridor.

The Transportation Committee is addressing several action items in the transportation chapter of the Town's Master Plan including pedestrian and bicycle safety, scenic road signage and local concerns, and road maintenance practices, among others.

Jesse Carlson presented his college senior project about night sky bleaching to the Planning Board at the August meeting. Members of the Conservation Commission were present in order to have a discussion of Dark Skies for Nottingham and the surrounding region.

The Board will schedule a public hearing on a proposed fee structure for impact fees on new housing units. The Board has reviewed the recent update completed by Bruce Mayberry of BCM Planning, LLC, which includes new fees for recreation in addition to the fees for the school and fire department. Watch the Planning Board web page for the hearing date.

The Planning Board is seeking Alternates. If you are interested, contact JoAnna Arendarczyk, Land Use Clerk, at 679-9597, ext. 1, or attend an upcoming meeting. The Board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex.



## Summer Institute 2017

Submitted by Rose Breslin-Dawson and Barbara Henderson

A group of Nottingham School students who had completed grades four through six participated in Summer Institute 2017. This year's problem was composed of three main components. The first component involved the development of booklets for Nottingham's third graders to be used as a part of the social studies curriculum. The second component focused on the initial phase of creating a database of accomplished Nottingham School alumni. The third component involved the creation of a physical manifestation of Nottingham's uniqueness to be displayed on the school grounds.

Rhoda Capron, former Nottingham librarian, initially suggested a project for Summer Institute students. The project entailed researching twenty artifacts found in the town's three museums. Each student chose two artifacts and was photographed with his/her artifacts. These reports, along with a Table of Contents and a Glossary, were compiled into booklets. Each third grade student and teacher will receive one. We hope these booklets will be used as an aid to prepare for their museum field trip. The goal for this component was to increase student interest and curiosity about Nottingham's past.

In order to reach the goal of our second component of creating an alumni database, students decided on a twofold approach. Flyers have been distributed locally. The flyers asked interested alumni to submit an email which includes current information and the field the former student would be interested in sharing with current students. Additionally, our guidance counselor posted the request on Nottingham's Facebook page. If you would like to be entered into our database, send an email to summerinstitute@nottingham.k12.nh.us. Please include your name when you were a student at

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Nottingham, the year you graduated from Nottingham School, and the field you would like to share. We would love to have you share your experiences and insights about your chosen field to inspire our students.

Designing a physical manifestation of the uniqueness of Nottingham was challenging. Students first brainstormed their ideas for the ways in which the town is unique. They chose two favorite aspects to display on the school grounds. They also developed a trifold pamphlet called "Unique Nottingham". Their final presentation to administration and a member of the historical society was very successful. The students wore their T-shirts that displayed ten of the artifacts that they had researched along with a picture of the Dame School. They concluded the summer program with a healthy cookout.

## Nottingham Community Church, Unitarian-Universalist

Submitted by Karyl Martin

We are a welcoming community to people of all faiths and creeds. We offer weekly services on Sundays at 10 a.m. at our historic church building located at 106 Church Street. We are pleased to announce the hiring of our new pastor, Reverend Craig Werth, a graduate of the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine, who has visited our church as a guest minister over the past year. Craig is a gifted songwriter and musician and we are delighted to share his talent with the Nottingham community.

On Sunday, September 24 at 10 a.m., we will welcome special guest Robert Azzi and his "Ask a Muslim Anything" program. All are welcome to join us for this community conversation. Please see our website at [www.nottinghamuu.com](http://www.nottinghamuu.com) or join our Facebook group for more information or visit us for a Sunday service.

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**Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild***Submitted by Karen Delisle*

Our July meeting was truly fabulous, as it included professional Quilt maker and Teacher, Mimi Winder. She presented us with a wonderful trunk show of various scrap quilts that utilized different fabrics from Batiks, Kaffe Fassett, Amy Butler prints, Australian Aborigines and a basic Amish style. We all appreciated the quilts and the use of color and overall beautiful designs! Mimi shared some of her tips and 'tricks' that lead to the success of making scrap quilts.

Our August meeting was on Monday, August 14 and we held our annual fun and delicious Sundae meeting.

The guild retreat has open spots available! The retreat is held November 16 to 19, or whichever of these dates you are able to attend. We go up to Kennebunkport, ME to the Franciscan House. If you have gone on a quilting retreat before, or just like the idea, please contact Linda at [crazylegsqlting@gmail.com](mailto:crazylegsqlting@gmail.com) to inquire for more information.

We meet in the Community Center the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the 'kitchen' room. Future meeting dates are September 11 and October 9. Please drop in and check us out. There is no fee or limit on visits for visitors.

**Tenth Annual WORDFEST Literary and Musical Scholarship Program***Submitted by Priscilla Carr*

WORDFEST 2017 spotlights Women Poets of Diversity, Saturday, October 14 at 7 p.m. at the Nottingham Universalist Church. Admission to the event is a donation.

Poets Studio of New Hampshire has evolved into an integrated arts showcase for poetry, prose, and musical excellence. Ms. Hazel Dellario of Nottingham will perform at WORDFEST in the string trio Harmony with Studio Mentors Gary Hume and Dan Raymond. She will also play the flute and provide excerpts from original compositions. Ms. Dellario earns a cumulative studio scholarship of \$1,000 during her high school tenure by maintaining academic honors and excellence and innovation in musical performance.

The recipient of The Donald Hall Inaugural Essay Honorarium will read the winning essay at WORDFEST. Our community extends thank you and appreciation to Donald Hall for the privilege of associating his illustrious literary history with our scholarship efforts.

Poets Priscilla Carr and Elizabeth Gordon McKim will read from original work and Studio Historian Steven Jones, M.D. will provide a brief history of the Harlem Renaissance Poets and biographies of Maya Angelou, Jamaica Kincaid, Sonia Sanchez, Nikki Giovanni, and Naomi Shabib Nye. Community Voices offers YOU an opportunity to come on stage and read or recite a prepared poem from any of the above.

Thanks to Liar's Paradise for always providing pizza! Donations of light refreshments, beverages, and paper goods are needed as well as ushers and set-up and clean-up volunteers. Email [priscillaecarr@gmail.com](mailto:priscillaecarr@gmail.com) for more information or to donate.

**Nottingham Historical Society News***Submitted by Rhoda Capron*

On a beautiful Sunday morning, the Nottingham Historical Society held its annual Blueberry Pancake Breakfast at the Nottingham Square Schoolhouse. Almost 200 people attended. The breakfast was an opportunity for people to visit with friends and neighbors and see the Schoolhouse Museum as well as enjoy the music of the Folksoul Duo from Greenfield. This event is a major fundraiser for the Historical Society.

We would like to thank the following businesses who continue to donate to the breakfast: Liar's Paradise for the coffee, Bascom's Busy Trees for the maple syrup, DF Richard Energy for the propane and Northwood Hannaford for beverages and other food items. The Nottingham Fire Department, the Nottingham Community Church and the Nottingham Recreation Department lent us tents, tables and chairs. We would also like to thank the Else Cilley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for allowing us to use their meeting house. This event owes its success to the many volunteers who help from setting up the grills and tables, making the flower arrangements, to cooking, serving and cleaning up as well as all the people who attended.

This fall, the Historical Society is planning to offer the Historical Tour of Nottingham Square. The exact date has not been set but will be announced through posters, Facebook and our website, [nottinghamhistoricalsociety.org](http://nottinghamhistoricalsociety.org). It will be a chance to learn about the many historical events and families associated with the Square.

**New Hope Church***Submitted by Chelli Tennis*

We welcome you to come and join us at 10 a.m. for Sunday morning services at 34 Raymond Road (Rte. 156) in Nottingham. Other opportunities to get connected include:

Grammies Praying for Grandchildren (Moms in Prayer International): Monday nights at 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nursing Home Ministry: For information, call Joe at 942-5833.

Women's Bible Study: On Wednesday nights. Call Donna at 734-4646 for more information.

Wednesday Nights Men's Bible Study: For information, call Pastor Ted at 285-3533.

Men's Breakfast at the Church: On the third Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

Praying for our wayward children: On the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Prison Ministry: On the fourth Saturdays of the month; for more information, call Pastor Ted.

**Nottingham Democrats***Submitted by Charlotte Fyfe*

Nottingham Democrats will resume meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at Nottingham Town Hall at 7 p.m. in Room 1, after an August summer hiatus. All are welcome for legislative updates, action committees, and interesting guest speakers - enjoy refreshments and good company.

Fall dates:

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 2017 at 7 p.m.

For more information or an updated speakers' list, email us at: [gfnottinghamdems@gmail.com](mailto:gfnottinghamdems@gmail.com).

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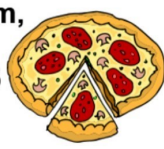


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Blaisdell Memorial Library News

Submitted by Eric Stern

It is with bittersweet feelings that I write this article for the Nottingham Community Newsletter. My final day as Director of the Blaisdell Memorial Library will be (“was,” by the time this is published) September 1. The plan is for me to return to the practice of law for a few years (flying solo), which should afford flexible hours to enable me to care for my young children throughout the week. I care greatly about the future of the Blaisdell Memorial Library, but I also care greatly for my kids, who deserve time with dad as much as mom.

It has been an honor to serve Nottingham’s citizens for the past three years, and I am proud of many things that have been implemented at Blaisdell Memorial Library under my tenure. The library remains a vibrant hub of community activity, with many regular, active patrons. We have also seen a tremendous increase over the past three years in library usage by families with young children.

There is always more work to be done, but fear not... the stewardship of the library now rests in the capable hands of a talented librarian, Cara Marsh. Cara comes to Nottingham with a wealth of library experience, enthusiasm, and seemingly boundless energy. I hope you will take time to welcome her to the library!

Fall Programs

On Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m., the library welcomes popular presenter Cal Knickerbocker for the New Hampshire Humanities program: “Your Hit Parade.” “Your Hit Parade" chronicled the changes in popular music from its debut in 1935 to its "death by Rock and Roll" in 1959. Cal’s program summarizes the show’s origin, its evolution over the years, the well-known vocalists who performed its songs, and the influence of musical trends which affected it. It also covers the effect of the show's sponsor, Lucky Strike cigarettes, whose president monitored and controlled almost every aspect of the show. This program, free and open to the public, will be held in the Blaisdell Memorial Library meeting room. Many thanks to NH Humanities for making this program possible!

Children’s Story Hour and Lego Club are both scheduled to resume the week of Tuesday, September 19. As in previous years, the 2017/2018 story hours will proceed in six-week increments, separated by short breaks (typically two weeks).

Nottingham children up to age six are invited to sign up for story hour commencing on Tuesday, September 5, up to and through the start of the first story hour

session on September 19. We will again be offering sessions for babies (birth to two), toddlers (two and three year olds), and preschoolers (ages four – six). Story hour is popular so don’t delay in contacting the library to sign up if you are interested. Pre-registration is required to participate in story hours. Register by calling us at 679-8484, emailing us at bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com, or visiting the library.

In addition to story hours, there will be other children’s programs happening throughout the fall, including but not limited to Lego club, holiday story hours, movies, and craft activities.

For young adults, our teen advisory group typically meets on Thursday evenings, 7 – 8 p.m. Oftentimes this group discusses books (sometimes specifically chosen for conversation, sometimes not), but this group is always an opportunity for teens to discuss any form of media that they may be digesting – from manga to film and videogames, nothing is off limits!

An Update on our New Online Catalog: Apollo

The library is now using a new online catalog – Apollo. While not without hiccups, thus far, the transition to this system has been relatively smooth. It would be helpful, as BML’s staff continues learning the best ways of doing things through this system, for our patrons to contact the library to update their account information, contact preferences, and ask any questions they may have about how to use the new system from home. Please reach out to us at 679-8484, or email any requested changes to bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com.

Apollo gives you far more options for notifications – including text and email notices. If a patron opts for text notifications for upcoming due materials, he/she can text back to the library and items which are eligible will be automatically renewed! Also, the “home experience” for patrons through Apollo can be tailored much more than through the prior system. You can set preferences within your profile to receive books from authors you like to read – without ever having to request that specific titles be held. If you’re going away, you can even defer holds so you don’t lose your place in line.

For details on any library events, new materials added to the collection, museum passes, or just about anything related to the library, please visit us on Facebook, or at our website, nottinghamlibrary.org.

This is Eric Stern signing off for the Blaisdell Memorial Library. I wish everyone the very best in the future, and thanks for reading!

Nottingham Women’s Club News & Events

Submitted by Diana Robinson

Nottingham Women’s Club (NWC) is thrilled to announce that we are hosting our Second Annual Scarecrow Contest Fundraiser this fall! Last year’s winner was Matt The Scarecrow of Curry Automotive with the runner up Nottingham Underground Music with their Scarecrow playing the Piano entry!

This summer we have been busy planning and making Scarecrows for the month long event in October. Residents were invited to join in on the fun of sewing and painting the Scarecrow heads and faces in early August.

Here are the details for our Nottingham Women’s Club Annual Scarecrow Contest Fundraiser. Any Nottingham Resident is invited to participate.

What: a scarecrow head with a hand painted face along with wooden stakes for \$25. You stuff and decorate your scarecrow as you wish.

Where & When: Pick up and pay for your scarecrow supplies at Liar’s from 5:30-7:30 p.m. during their last cruise night of the year- Tuesday September, 5 and at the library Sunday, September 17 from 1-4 p.m. To be entered in the contest and put on the map, please have your scarecrow ready and outside on display between October 1- 30. Upload a picture of your scarecrow to the NWC Scarecrow contest Facebook page by October 1.

In addition to the NWC Scarecrow contest Facebook page, your location will be placed on a Scarecrow Map. Scarecrow Map will be published online to be printed. NWC members along with some invited residents will choose the winning scarecrows. Only scarecrows purchased from NWC can enter the contest and NWC members will not be eligible to win the contest.

Re-using previously purchased scarecrows will be put on the Facebook page and on the map free of charge, if you want to be entered for the contest- there is a \$5 yearly fee.

The winning business scarecrow will be announced on October 31 and publicized in three Nottingham Facebook Pages, the Nottingham E-mail Blast, The Forum, and the Nottingham Newsletter.

Participate with NWC in this fun community fundraising event this fall! Proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards: NWC general fund which provides charitable donations to Nottingham residents

and programs as well as the NWC Scholarship which awards an annual scholarship for Nottingham residents pursuing higher education.

NWC would like to continue to spread the word about the availability of the annual Nottingham Women’s Club Education Scholarship. The Nottingham Women’s Club Scholarship fund was created many years ago through the generosity of the women of Nottingham who believed in the value of education. The scholarship fund was established to encourage and assist students of Nottingham to further their education. The scholarship fund and application process is managed solely by The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Any person who resides in Nottingham and is furthering his/her education is encouraged to apply annually at www.nhcf.org. Applications will be available online again in early 2018.

Calling all Nottingham Women!

- young, old and in between -

Are you curious as to who the Nottingham Women’s Club is and what do we do? Do you envision that we just sit around and knit? Although we did do that once, we actually do all kinds of fun stuff! From a leisurely hike to Paint Night, to a night out at The Holy Grail, we love to have fun together. You’ll have a chance to find out more about us at our September Meet Up!

Join us at the Old Town Hall (across from the library) for our September Meet Up on September 19 between 6:30 – 8 p.m. Meet some of our members and have some fun treats to eat!

Follow what’s happening with NWC on Facebook: Nottingham Women’s Club NH or e-mail us at Nottinghamwomensclub@gmail.com.

Nottingham Orchard

McIntosh, Cortland, Macoun, Northern Spy,  
Jonagold, Baldwin, Fresh Cider, Hard Cider

We will be open this year on weekends,  
early September – end October.

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Recreation Department

Submitted by Sam Beaudoin

Martial Arts

Interested in learning Martial Arts? Join Brendan Behr on Monday and Wednesday nights in the Community Center Gym. Classes start at 5:30 for the beginner class with the intermediate class starting afterward. Ages five through adults. There will also be a Ladies’ Night Kickboxing and Self-Defense class; date is to be determined. Contact the recreation office or Brendan for more information: [brendan.behr@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.behr@gmail.com).

Line Dancing

Monday nights at 6 p.m. for beginners and 7 p.m. for intermediates. Classes at \$7 (drop in) or two-hour classes are \$8 (drop in). Classes are held at the Old Town Hall.

Toddler Dance Class

Come join Miss Amy as she teaches our first Toddler Dance class for toddlers ages two to five. This 30-minute class is designed for boys and girls to introduce them to creative movement through games, songs and play. Drop-ins \$10 per class. Register online or in class. Classes start on September 15 and are every Friday starting at 10:40 a.m.

Toddler Gym

Every Monday (except federal holidays), we host an open gym for toddlers in the Community Center from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$2 per child, and we always welcome new children! The yearly schedule follows the Nottingham School calendar so please check with the Recreation Department to see if Toddler Gym is offered during Vacation Weeks. Register your children online or in Toddler Gym.

Senior 55+ Luncheon

Senior Luncheons are held once a month at the Community Center. The next potluck luncheons will be held September 20 and October 18. If you are not on our senior mailing list and you would like to be added, please let Kortney or Sam know so we can get you on the list.

Ready Rides

Ready Rides is a volunteer driver and rider program that is specifically designed to help residents in rural towns get to their medical appointments. This service is available to Nottingham residents who are 55 or older or for those who are disabled. Call 603-244-8719 to become a rider or a driver. Ready Rides is in need of two board members from Nottingham. Meetings are once a month in Northwood.

Senior 55+ Yoga

Missi D'Arcy from Symmetry Yoga will be doing a 60-minute stretching and yoga class for seniors on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This class will be held at the Old Town Hall and be going through the fall. We ask that if you have your own yoga mat and a towel to bring that would be great but is not required. Register in office or online today.

Upcoming Events

Annual Halloween Party: October 28 at the Community Center

Holiday Craft Fair: November 18

Santa Fun Run, Parade and PTA Children’s Craft Workshop: December 2

Summer Camp

Summer Camp 2017 was one of the most successful years we have had as a recreation program. We bumped our participation numbers up from 70 to 90 children for Summer Camp and we added our first ever Counselor in Training Full Program, which just tells us that Nottingham is the place to be for our kids! This year our theme was Explorers. We explored the Ocean, Space, The Gaming World and our own stomping grounds of Nottingham. Our Pioneers took over the penny sale and help run that as a part of their service project this year along with making baked goods for the Summer Concert Series.

For the first time in Summer Camp history Kortney, Sam and Rachel decided to start a tradition of giving back to our local kids and doing a Back to School for Campers Donation. They chose some well deserving campers to offer school supplies to. This is a great tradition not just for our campers but for the counselors and locals. Supplies were taken during the Summer Concert Series.

This was the first year that we did a full Counselor in Training Program led by our Head Counselor Hollis Woodward and Camp Director Rachel Dallaire. Our Counselor in Training Program singlehandedly put together our annual Field Day. They took full charge and planned every event and game and received amazing feedback! For service projects they created a new horseshoe pit out back for the community, planted flowers and cleaned up our community room to create a teen activity room for years of teens to come and enjoy! They learned leadership skills, how to work in groups, how to work with different ages, how to create an activity, and how to work with children at the beach. We are so proud of them!

We would also like to thank all of the families, friends and Carrie from the Blaisdell Memorial Library this year for helping us make this an amazing summer! We hope you enjoyed this summer just as much as we did.

Nottingham Earth Day

This year we are shaking things up and moving our annual Nottingham Day celebration to May 12, 2018. We have noticed a very large dip in participation and in vendor participation over the last three years and we want to see this event grow, especially with the 300 -year anniversary right around the corner.

This town has a true passion for agriculture, nature, fishing, hunting, farming, and more. So we want to change it up to an Earth Day theme and really help shine those members of our community that participate in these aspects. We will be having vendors, music, performances, demos, food, drinks, a 5K and so much more!

We are looking for sponsors and vendors who are in capacities of agriculture, nature, fishing, hunting, farming, environmentally friendly companies, organics, etc. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this event or being a vendor contact us by either email at [recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov](mailto:recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov) or call the office and ask for Kortney or Sam at 603-679-3435. The event will be held at Nottingham School on May 12 with our Annual Fishing Derby to kick off the day at the Community Center. More info is to come as we get closer to the event.

Conservation Commission News and Events

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

Busy, Busy... and it’s been great this summer because several residents have been assisting with roadside trash pickup, trail mapping and river water quality testing activities. Thank you all.

There are three potential conservation easements (CE) in progress at this time. To pay for these easements, Conservation Fund monies are derived from the land use change tax (LUCT) that is levied when a property’s use is changed from current use (agricultural, forest, etc.) into building lots (usually). These LUCT’s are the principal source of funding for conservation easements in Nottingham. The Conservation Fund is earmarked for these projects by votes of the Commission, then a public hearing with the Select Board (BOS) is held, and after the hearing is closed the BOS votes to release monies from the Fund for these projects. One project is for a property owned by the town of Nottingham, about 30+ acres with

frontage along Kennard Road. The owner sold the property to the town for a modest sum with the agreement that it would be placed into a CE for protection from development. The other two projects are for privately owned parcels fewer than 20 acres each; however, they both have high conservation value. All three projects require money to pay the administrative costs in preparing the conservation deeds that will be filed at the Rockingham County of Deeds after closing. Other CE expenses include survey costs and the annual easement monitoring by the agency that holds the easement deed. Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) will hold the CE deeds for the Kennard parcel and one of the private parcels. The Town of Nottingham will hold the third CE deed because it is adjacent to a private CE property, the CE deed already held by the town. The Commission annually monitors all of the CE properties for which the Town is the primary CE deed holder to ensure that there have been no violations of the deed restrictions. It is expected that the public hearing held with the BOS will be held in September or October.

The Commission is studying how to make conservation easement properties more accessible for the public. All of the easements that the town holds, and several others held by other agencies such as the Forest Society (Mulligan Forest), Bear-Paw (BPRG) (North River Preserve) and SouthEast Land Trust (SELT) (Harvey Family Conservation Easement), have provisions for public access. We have been reviewing grants that are available to municipalities for assistance with trail development and maintenance, mapping, parking and trail head information kiosks. Part of our discussion also includes a real concern that some of these CE properties contain special plant communities, or breeding habitats for migratory songbirds, or ground water recharge areas, for example, and might not be appropriate for public access during some parts of the year.

The Commission meets periodically with the BOS and the Planning Board (PB) to discuss topics of mutual interests. The Commission met with the BOS June 19 for an update primarily about CE projects and members attended the PB meeting on August 9 to view the Dark Skies presentation by Jesse Carlson followed by a group discussion.

The Commission meets every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in Conference Room #2. Members of the public are always welcome and are encouraged to attend. The Commission is very grateful for the help from volunteers for our several projects.